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GARDENERS COME IN THREE TYPES - WHICH ARE YOU?

By your Country Boy

If you think artificial flowers are good enough for everyone, or that the best yard is one covered with green concrete slab --- then you might as well go ahead and wrap your left over fish in this page - this ain't for you.

But, IF you like pretty yards, gardens, and Hibiscus, even when some one else does all the work, this might keep you away from the spade a few more minutes.

There are three different reasons for doing gardening, fellow members, and which motivates you? Are you a mower, grower or show-er?

A MOWER doesn't need me or anyone else to tell him what to do. He already has this figured out. He likes a neat, trim garden that adds to appearance of his house. He likes to be out in the sunshine. He finds a measure of peace and relaxation working in the yard.

He also will stay with the easiest things to grow. Like Zinnias maybe. Seldom does he try something different but if he does it matters very little how the experiment turns out. He will use a chemical to kill the weeds. He won't grub them out by hand.

THE GROWER finds more of a communion with nature. Sort of a kinship with living things. Part of the lingering love of the primitive for the miracle of life, from green sprout to flowering bushes, from unresponsive soil to enriched loam that repays its care.

This man or woman likes to make varieties grow that just won't grow here - others say - or that must be protected until they are strong. He likes to have a green lawn when those nearby are brown and burned by the sun. He likes to have green grass out of normal native bermuda season, although a lawn he makes, not one kept up by a hired hand.

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